GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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CELLULAR LICENSES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) number of licenses of cellular operators in the country who have provided performance guarantee and have not fulfilled the obligations timely in terms of the said guarantee;

(b) if so, the names of such operators;

(c) the action Government propose to take in the interest of the public;

(d) whether there is a proposal for waiving the financial Bank guarantee in respect of cellular operators; and

(e) if so, the safeguard the Government will have in the absence of the financial guarantee?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Sir, the private cellular operators have furnished required Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) in terms of the licence agreement conditions. Liquidated Damage charges have been levied against those operators who have not timely fulfilled the obligation of Service Area coverage in terms of the licence agreement. Details are given in the Annexure.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF PRIVATE CELLULAR OPERATORS REGARDING PERFORMANCE BANK GUARANTEE AGAINST EXISTING LICENCES AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGE (LD) CHARGES LEVIED.

S. No.	Name of the Company	Service Area	PBGFurnished	Amount of LDLevied due to non-fulfillment Of coverage criteria.
1.	Bharti Cellular Ltd.	Delhi	Yes	50 Lakhs
2.	Sterling Cellular Ltd.	Delhi	Yes	50 Lakhs
3.	BPL Mobile Communications Ltd.	Mumbai	Yes	20 Lakhs
4.	Hutchinson MaxTelecom Ltd.	Mumbai	Yes	50 Lakhs
5.	Bharti Mobitel Ltd.	Calcutta	Yes	50 Lakhs
6.	Usha Martin Telecom. Ltd	Calcutta	Yes	50 Lakhs
7	RPG Cellular Services Ltd.	Chennai	Yes	50 Lakhs +

8. Bharti Mobinet Ltd. Chennai Yes 50 Lakhs

9. Aircell Digilink India Ltd. Haryana Yes 100 Lakhs
10. Aircell Digilink India Ltd. Rajasthan Yes 100 Lakhs
11. Aircell Digilink India Ltd. Uttar Pr.(East) Yes 100 Lakhs
12 FASCEL Ltd Gujarat Yes 100 Lakhs
13 Hexacom India Ltd Rajasthan Yes 100 Lakhs
14 Hexacom India Ltd North East No+++ Nil++
15 Bharti Mobile Limited Andhra Pradesh Yes 100 Lakhs
16 Bharti Mobile Limited Punjab Yes 100 Lakhs
17 Bharti Mobile Limited Karnataka Yes 100 Lakhs
18 Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd Uttar Pr.(East) Yes@ 100 Lakhs @
19 Birla Tata AT&T Ltd. Andhra Pradesh Yes 100 Lakhs
20 Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd. Uttar Pr.(West) Yes 45 Lakhs
21 Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd Haryana Yes NIL
22 Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd Kerala Yes NIL
23 BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd. Tamilnadu Yes 100 Lakhs
24 BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd Kerala Yes 25 Lakhs
25 BPL Mobile Cellular Ltd Maharashtra Yes 100 Lakhs
26 Bharti Telenet Ltd. Himachal Pr. Yes 100 Lakhs
27 RPG Cellcom Ltd. Madhya Pradesh Yes 100 Lakhs
28 Birla Tata AT&T Ltd. Gujarat Yes 100 Lakhs
29 Birla Tata AT&T Ltd Maharashtra Yes 100 Lakhs
30 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. Assam Yes NIL++
31 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. Madhya Pradesh Yes 100 Lakhs
32 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. North East Yes NIL++
33 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. West Bengal Yes 100 Lakhs
34 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. Bihar Yes 100 Lakhs
35 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. Himachal Pr. Yes 100 Lakhs
36 Reliance Telecom (P)Ltd. Orissa Yes 100 Lakhs
37 Spice Communications Ltd. Karnataka Yes 100 Lakhs
38 Spice Communications Ltd. Punjab Yes 100 Lakhs
39 Aircel Ltd. Tamilnadu Yes NIL
40 Birla AT&T Communications Ltd. Delhi Yes Not applicable
41 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Mumbai Yes Not applicable
42 Reliable Internet Services Ltd. Kolkata Yes Not applicable
43 Barakhambha Sales and Services Ltd. Chennai Yes Not applicable
44 Barakhambha Sales and Services Ltd. Andhra Pradesh Yes Not applicable
45 Barakhambha Sales and Services Ltd. Karnataka Yes Not applicable
46 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Gujarat Yes Not applicable
47 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Haryana Yes Not applicable
48 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Kerala Yes Not applicable
49 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Madhya Pradesh Yes Not applicable
50 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Maharashtra Yes Not applicable
51 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Tamilnadu Yes Not applicable
52 Bharti Cellular Ltd. Uttar Pr.(West) Yes Not applicable
53 Escorts Telecommunications Ltd. Himachal Pr. Yes Not applicable
54 Escorts Telecommunications Ltd Punjab Yes Not applicable
55 Escorts Telecommunications Ltd Rajasthan Yes Not applicable
56 Escorts Telecommunications Ltd Uttar Pr.(East) Yes Not applicable

LEGEND:

+ The LD charges levied have not been recovered as a representation from the Licensee Company is to be examined.
++ In these cases Liquidated Damage Charges have not been levied as the operators have not been permitted by the Government for expansion or fresh start of service in the Licensed Service Area, on security consideration.
+++ In this case, the condition of furnishing PBG has been waived as the operator has not been permitted to start the service, on security considerations.
@ The PBG furnished has been encashed as the licence fee due as well as Liquidated Damage Charges have not been paid by the Operator.